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#### RECOGNIZING EISENHOWER HIGH SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. Speaker, I stand here today to recognize Eisenhower High School in my hometown of Rialto on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. This Saturday, October the 17th, the Rialto community will celebrate this important milestone.

Eisenhower first opened its doors in the fall of 1959, and since then has achieved great success in academics, athletics and community involvement. Eisenhower athletic teams have consistently won titles in a wide range of sports, including football, basketball, wrestling and swimming. In fact, this past winter the Eisenhower boys' basketball team won the California Inter-scholastic Federation's State title, marking the first time ever a school from San Bernardino County held the State title.

Eisenhower's impressive list of alumni include NFL Hall of Famer Ronnie Lott, baseball star Jeff Conine, golfer Brandi Burton, and Olympic speed skating gold medalist Derek Parra. In addition, my two sons, Joe Baca, Jr., former State Assemblyman and now Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Rialto, and Jeremy Baca, who has done an outstanding job in work in the Inland Empire area, have also graduated from Eisenhower High School.

For their outstanding academics, Eisenhower High has been recognized both as a National Blue Ribbon School and a California Distinguished School.

I thank all the students, teachers and parents who have contributed so much to Eisenhower High and the Inland Empire community these past 50 years.

#### SCRAP H.R. 3200

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, as a physician and a father and a Member of Congress, I join the majority of Americans that do not want the government takeover of our health care system. They are demanding Congress scrap H.R. 3200 and come together in a bipartisan fashion to craft a commonsense plan to reduce costs, expand access and increase the quality of care in a way that America can afford.

We need to create a health care plan that will ensure that the government does not interfere with the doctor-patient relationship, ensure that the government does not deny care on the basis of disease or years of life left, ensure that government does not break the bank at a time when America simply cannot afford it, ensure that if you lose or change your job, you and your

family would continue have to access to affordable health care coverage, ensure that if you have a preexisting condition you will not be denied access to coverage, and, finally, ensure that any medical liability reform will be real and meaningful.

I challenge my colleagues to put principle above politics and represent the will of the American people when it comes to health care reform.

#### GIVING PEACE OF MIND AND HEALTH SECURITY

(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues a letter I recently received from a constituent in Niles, Illinois. He writes:

"As one of your constituents, I urge you to move forward and pass comprehensive health reform, including a public option. I have been self-employed for 18 years. My continued ability to afford medical insurance and health care has been my biggest concern. Without a public option, those of us who do not have an employer-provided medical insurance are at the mercy the insurance industry. As an example, six years ago when I turned 55, my medical insurance premium increased 33 percent in 7 months. Each year I wonder if I will have to give up my business, because I will no longer be able to afford medical insurance on my own."

We need to pass comprehensive reform this year to give my constituent and other self-employed individuals peace of mind and health security.

#### TESTIMONIAL ON SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOUNDATION AND BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. BROWN of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today I stand as a proud cosponsor of a resolution honoring Nancy Goodman Brinker, founder of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation. This October marks the 25th anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the 27th anniversary of Komen for the Cure.

In the Palmetto State, breast cancer occurs in over 5,000 women a year and kills over 1,000, but according to the American Cancer Society, these numbers have been falling since the 1990s. However, there is always more to be done, and we can all get involved in promoting breast cancer awareness.

This Sunday is the 16th Annual Komen Lowcountry Race for the Cure in Charleston and I congratulate our local affiliate staff, Lindsay Wiltshire, Michelle Temple, Lucy Spears, Taffy Tamblyn and Patricia Simon for their hard work organizing this event. Their efforts bring us all closer to the ulti-

mate goal of a world without breast cancer. We are very proud of them and all of their efforts in the First Congressional District.

#### EDUCATION KEY TO REBUILDING ECONOMY

(Mr. CARNAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, as we continue working to strengthen our economy and put Americans back to work, it is important to note that our economy has stabilized a great deal since the economic collapse a year ago. But there is still much more work to be done.

Because of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an estimated 8,500 teaching jobs have been saved in my home State of Missouri alone. Without the Recovery Act, thousands of teachers would have lost their jobs. Hundreds of thousands of students would be losing out on individual attention vital to their education. It was the right thing to do to provide States with the resources to keep America's teachers teaching and continue investing in our children's education.

This stimulus is putting us on the road to recovery by putting money back in the pockets of middle-class Americans and making critical investments in our future, like education and preparing for today's clean energy jobs.

We must continue our aggressive push to put Americans back to work and make investments in ourselves for this new era of global competition. Rebuilding our economy must continue to be our top priority.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. GINGREY of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today to ask a simple question: Where are the jobs?

When Congress was asked to rubber stamp the President's trillion dollar stimulus proposal last February, we were told that legislation was the only way to keep the national unemployment rate from rising above 8 percent and that it would create jobs. Unfortunately, as we all know, this so-called stimulus bill has failed to do either of these things.

Nearly 3 million people in the private sector have lost jobs in America since the stimulus bill was signed into law. And the national unemployment rate? 9.8 percent and climbing, the highest level in 26 years. Moreover, 15.1 million people who are unemployed are looking for work, again the largest number in history, and it includes my son, who is celebrating his 38th birthday today standing in the unemployment line.

Happy birthday, Billy.

In my home State of Georgia, my State has lost 116,000 jobs since the